GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Issue of Demarche
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether India has issued a demarche on continued ceasefire violations by Pakistan and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the response received by the Government from Pakistan in response to all these notes issued?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) In view of the continued violation of cease fire along the Line of Control (LoC) and International Border, Government demarched Pakistan by summoning top officials from High Commission in New Delhi on a number of occasions in the recent months, including on 21 September 2016 after the Uri terrorist attack and more recently on 2, 9, 16 and 23 November 2016. It was conveyed that despite calls for restraint, Pakistani forces continued to commit ceasefire violations by resorting to caliber escalations by employing artillery and 120 mm heavy mortars against Indian posts. Government strongly protested the deliberate targeting, by the Pakistani army, of villages along LoC resulting in casualties and extensive damage to public and private properties and displacement of civilian population. Government also strongly condemned the increase in concentration of terrorists observed along LoC in the vicinity of Pakistani forward posts and asked Pakistani authorities to ensure that its territory and territories under its control are not used for anti-India terrorism.

(b) In response, Pakistani authorities have mentioned that Pakistan acts against all forms of terrorism and there is no infiltration from their side of the LoC. Government, has therefore, presented necessary information and evidence to Government of Pakistan through diplomatic channels and stressed the need for Pakistan to stop all cross-border terrorism aimed against India emanating from territories under its control.